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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5, OF THE CONVENTION, OF 11 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 15 APRIL 1992

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General, in compliance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, invited the States Parties to the Convention to submit nominations, by 16 November 1991, for the election of 11 members to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The 11 nominations that were received by that date were published in document CEDAW/SP/1992/2. The Secretary-General has now received five additional nominations, as follows:

Gül Aykor	Turkey
Evangelina Garcia-Prince	Venezuela
Nina K. Kovalska	Ukraine
Marilena Uliescu	Romania
Esther Velis Diaz de Villalvilla	Cuba

2. Biographical data concerning the above-mentioned candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are annexed hereto.

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Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
(These biographies have not been edited.)

Ms. Gül Aykor (Turkey)

Original: English

Date of Birth: 1 January 1945

Nationality: Turkish

STUDIES AND DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS:

	Name	Starting	Ending
Primary school	Ayseabla	1951	1956
Secondary school	Ankara College	1956	1960
Lyceé	Ankara College	1960	1963
Higher Education	University of Ankara-BA in Sociology and Psychology	1963	1967
Post Graduate studies	University of Kent of Canterbury, England. Diploma in sociology and social Anthropology	1969	1970
	State University of New York U.S.A. MA in Sociology and Development Sociology	1973	1975

OCCUPATIONS:

Previous occupations:

Assistant to the Director of Statistical Training Sector at the Prime Ministry, State Institute of Statistics in 1966-1967.

Social Planning Specialist/Expert in Prime Ministry, State Planning Organization since 1967 and still working. Worked in those social sectors: village affairs, social security, women and youth.
Present Occupation:

Director General of the Status and Problems of Women - Prime Ministry since August 1990 and still working.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

Modernization in Turkish Villages, State Planning Organization (SPO), Ankara, 1970

Modernization in Turkish Forest Villages, SPO, Ankara, 1971

An Annotated Bibliography of Village Studies in Turkey, SPO, Ankara, 1971

Effects of Subsidization Policies on Turkish Agricultural Producers, SPO, Ankara, 1976

The Struggle for Survival and Adaptation of Artisans and Craftsmen to the Turkish Society, SPO, Ankara 1976

An Analysis of Social Structure, Demographic Changes in the Turkish Society Between 1955-1975, SPO, Ankara, 1977

National Study of Governmental Financial Aid and Accomodation Services Offered to the University Students, SPO,
Ankara, 1981

An Analysis and Research on Public Youth Centres in Turkey, SPO, Ankara, 1986

The Policies and the Results Concerning Women in the First Four Five Year Development Plans in Women in Turkish Society, Nermin Abadan-Unat, Ankara 1978 and 1981 (Second Edition)

Ms. Evangelina Garcia-Prince (Venezuela)

Original: Spanish

Nationality:	Venezuelan
Place of residence:	Caracas, Venezuela
Address and telephone:	El Cafetal, Calle Piritu, Qta. Evanor Tel.: 987-1515

CURRENT POSITIONS: - Minister of State for the Advancement of Women.

- Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs under the Office of the President of the Republic.

- Member of the Presidential Commission for the Reform of the State (COPRE) (official in charge of the Subcommission on Administrative Modernization in the Public Sector).

- Chairman of the Commission to Establish the Institute of Higher Public Management.

STUDIES:

University studies leading to a degree:

- Bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology.

- Courses in law and journalism (incomplete).

Post-graduate university studies:

- Master's degree in social psychology.

- Doctoral course in economic and social sciences.

- Advanced professional specialization courses in:

  Development planning; policy analysis and formulation; research methodology; symbolic logic; scientific journalism; socio-political analysis; project formulation; and many others.

  - Ongoing master's degree courses in political science and philosophy.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

- Lecturer and research fellow at the School of Sociology and Anthropology, Central University of Venezuela, since 1956.

Positions held:

- Head of the Department of Communication and Socio-political Structures.

- Chair for Communications Theory.

- Chair for Communications Sociology.

- Coordinator of the optional specialization course in communications policy and planning.

- Coordinator of the optional specialization course in cultural policies and planning.

- Head of the Department of Ideological, Cultural and Communication Processes.

Other teaching and research experience in higher and post-graduate educational institutions in the country:

- Lecturer at the Caracas University Teaching Institute (Department of Education Sociology).

- Lecturer at Simón Bolívar University (Chair: Research problems in the area of hydrocarbons) - Post-graduate course in petroleum economics.

- Post-graduate courses in public administration (National School of Public Administration and Finances).

- Post-graduate course in agricultural administration (Centre-Western University).

- Post-graduate course in the economics and administration of hydrocarbons (Zulia University).

- Post-graduate course in administration and higher management (Central University of Venezuela).

- General Staff course (Armed Forces of Venezuela).

- Teacher at the Association of Public Relations Specialists of Venezuela.

- National School of Social Work.

- Communications Research Institute (ININCO) - Post-graduate course in communications and cultural policies.

- School of Social Communication - Post-graduate course in cultural journalism.

- Latin American Course on the Administration of Cultural Services. Latin American and Caribbean Centre for Social Development (CLADEC).

Other teaching and research experience:

- Participation in a very many courses, workshops and seminars as teacher, instructor or lecturer: National School of Social Work, Federation of Private Child Care Institutions (FIPAN), ININCO, Ministry of the Environment, SAS, Athenaenm of Caracas, Ministry of Education, Athenaeum of Carúpano, CONAC, Central Office for Coordination and Planning (CORDIPLAN), MAC, Radio and Television Union, National College of Journalists, Family Project, Ministry of Promotion, etc.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH POSITIONS:

- Founding member of the Communications Research Institute (ININCO) and member of its Technical Council: Head, Field Research Section, and member of its Technical Council.

- Optional course on communications research and cultural development at the School of Sociology and Anthropology.

EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Representative of Venezuela at the Intergovernmental Conference on Communications Policy for Latin America and the Caribbean, Costa Rica (1976).

- Representative of Venezuela at the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, Bogota (1978).

- Lecturer in courses on communications policies, communications research, and communications planning at the International Centre for Advanced Journalism Studies in Latin America (CIESPAL), Quito, Ecuador.

- Representative of Venezuela at the World Conference of the International Women's Year, United Nations, Mexico City, 1975.

- Representative of Venezuela at the Seminar on the Integration of Women in Development, UNESCO, Havana, 1975.

- Participant as an expert at the Regional Seminar for Latin America on the Integration of Women in Development with Special Reference to Population Factors, United Nations, Caracas, 1975.

- Participant at the Consultation Meeting on "Communication Aspects in Population Programmes", UNESCO, Bogota, 1975.

- Participant in the meeting of the Special Committee on Studies and Recommendations of the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States for the Conference on the International Year of Women, Caracas, 1975.

- Participant in "Media Workshop" organized by UNESCO for journalists and specialists in Mexico City, 1975 (Tribuna de la Mujer).

- Participant as a consultant expert for the United Nations in the "International Seminar on Women's Participation in Developing and Building Leadership from the Grass Roots", Pakistan, 1976, UNDP.

- Participant in the Meeting of Communication Research Experts, UNESCO, Panama, 1978.

- Adviser to the Venezuelan delegation to the Twentieth Meeting of the General Conference of UNESCO, Paris, 1978, Commission on Communication and Culture.

- Observer for the Venezuelan Government at the Conference on Communications Policies for the Countries of Asia and Oceania, Malaysia, 1979, UNESCO.

- Speaker at the First Expert Group Meeting on the Follow-up of the Results of the Conference on Communications Policies for Latin America and the Caribbean, Quito, 1981, UNESCO.

- Speaker at the First Seminar on Cultural Administration and Artistic Education, Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico City, 1980, UNESCO.

- Speaker at the First and Second Seminars on Cultural Administration, Office for Culture, Municipal Government of Buenos Aires, 1985, 1986, UNESCO.

- Speaker at the First International Seminar on the Training of Cultural Workers, Committee for Latin American Cultural Integration, Lima, Peru, 1986, OAS.

WORK FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

- Expert under permanent contract for specific work for the following international organizations:

  - United Nations.

  - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

  - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

  - Organization of American States (OAS).

  - Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

  For these organizations, I have performed work of the following kind:

  - Consultatations for Governments,

  - Participation in international consultation and advisory meetings,

  - Preparation of documents, and

  - Research in the following countries: Argentina, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Peru, Netherland Antilles, the English-speaking Caribbean countries, and member countries of the Pan-African Institute of Culture.

  - Special guest as adviser, consultant or participant at consultation meetings for the following countries (Governments, public and private institutions, and universities): United States of America, Peru, Brazil, Cuba, Soviet Union, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina, Panama, Spain, Senegal, Philippines, Pakistan, Netherland Antilles, and others.

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS:

Participation in more than 500 meetings, forums and national seminars on problems of communication, culture, development, etc.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Director of the journal "Orbita" (social communication subjects), Caracas (10 years).
- Collaborator in the national and international media.
- Numerous works published in the national and international media on:
  - Cultural management,
  - Political management,
  - Public policies,
  - Women's affairs,
  - Communications research,
  - Cultural sociology research,
  - Cultural development,
  - Public opinion and public relations,
  - Development problems, etc.

EXPERIENCE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR:

- Head, Social Studies Division, Venezuelan Institute of Petrochemistry (1956 to 1959).
- Analyst of the Social Sector at CORDIPLAN (1959 to 1963).
- Adviser to the Social Services Division, Ministry of Health and Social Assistance (1965 to 1968).
- Adviser to the President of the Republic on the integration of women in development (1974 to 1979).
- Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on information (1975 to 1978).
- Adviser to the Central Information Office (1977 to 1978).

- Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Centre for Cultural Development (CLADEC), subordinate to the National Council for Culture (until 1984).

- Director of the Liquidation Commission of the Agricultural Marketing Corporation.

- Numerous occasional studies and advisory papers for public sector organizations.

PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS: Senator of the Republic for the State of Miranda.

EXPERIENCE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR:

- Participation in various study and research firms: Fases, Informétricas, Technotrónica, More and others.

- Research officer at the Asesorac Enterprise (communications, public relations, public opinion surveys for businesses) until 1984.

- Some projects carried out:

- Public opinion surveys for the Mendoza Enterprise Group.

- Impact evaluation of, and follow-up of the public reaction to, the magazine "M" of the Montana Group.

- Evaluation of the "K-Listo" educational programme, C.A., La Electricidad de Caracas.

- Evaluation of the intra-organizational communications and external image of IBM.

- Public opinion surveys and organizational development planning for the enterprises of the Flexilon Group.

- Occasional contract work for the following consultancy firms:

- Tecnótronica (research work, design and application of projects at CADAFE, MONTANA, State Railways, etc.).

- Market studies and research, communication tests, motivation studies, etc., for numerous advertising agencies:

  - J. Walter Thompson of Venezuela.

  - McCann Erikson of Venezuela.

  - WCG.

  - JMC Creatividad Orientada.

  - Lee Burnet-Novas Criswell.

  - ABP Publicidad.

  - Tipsa Publicidad.

  - La Nueva Gente, etc.

LAST IMPORTANT JOBS COMPLETED:

Research work or projects

- Design of a national programme for the training of cultural workers and administrators and advisory assistance for the reorganization of the administrative structure of the Ministry of Culture, for the Government of Nicaragua (on behalf of UNDP).

- Advisory assistance in the formulation of the comprehensive cultural policy of the Government of the Netherland Antilles (on behalf of the Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

- Advisory assistance in the organization, and direct participation in the implementation, of the Mexican Government's first training programme for cultural development personnel, through that country's Institute of Fine Arts (direct invitation).

- Two research projects for UNESCO and background papers for the next World Conference on Cultural Policies (UNESCO) to be held in Mexico City. These include: an evaluation of the situation in respect of cultural administration and policies in Latin America and the

Caribbean, and a study on personnel training for cultural development for the countries of the Andrés Bello Agreement, with a proposal for the carrying out of an integrated subregional programme.

- An investigation analysing the state of communications systems in Latin America and setting of priorities for the development of these systems over the next ten years, on behalf of the UNESCO Regional Adviser on Communications.

- Basic aspects of social policies in the area of training for marginal sectors.

- Political participation of women in Venezuela.

- Political parties and culture.

- Methodology approaches to the analysis of public policy.

- The future of cultural policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Women and power: the politico-economic implications of discrimination.

- And others.

LATEST PUBLICATIONS:

- Communication and Culture in a Latin American Perspective. Monograph study published in the UNESCO "Cultures" collection in seven languages.

- Communication and Culture in Comprehensive Development. "Orbita", Caracas.

- The Policies and Administration of Culture in Latin America.

- Cultural Policies as a Development Instrument.

- Women, Communication and Development in Democracies.

- Political Participation and New Leadership Roles for Women.

- Culture and Politics.

- In preparation or ready for printing:

  - Women and Power.

  - Cultural Policies in Latin America.

DECORATIONS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS:

- Order of Alberto Smith, 2nd class. Awarded by the Teaching Institute of Caracas (1977).

- Order of Diego de Losada, 3rd class. Awarded by the Citizen President of the Republic (1982).

- Order of Francisco de Miranda, 2nd class. Awarded by the Citizen President of the Republic (1982).

- Order of 27 June, 1st class. Awarded by the Citizen President of the Republic for special merit in the area of teaching (1987).

- Order of Leonidas Monasterio, 1st class. Awarded by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Miranda (1984).

- Order of Merit for Work, 1st class. Awarded by the Citizen President of the Republic (1987).

- In addition to these distinctions, I have been honoured with numerous promotions at the Central University of Venezuela, and the Teaching Institute, or have been elevated to the position of honorary member.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND:

- Member of the Democratic Action Party, in which I have held the following major positions:

  - Member of the National Women's Action Bureau, until 1984.

  - Member of the National Political Committee of the Office of the National Secretary for Education and Culture, from 1984 on.

- National Coordinator for Culture of the Democratic Action Party, since 1984.

- Officer-in-Charge of Party-Government Relations in the Area of Vocational Training, 1974-1978.

- Officer-in-Charge of National Policy for the Unit for the Advancement of Women during the 1988 election campaign.

- Senator elect to the National Congress from the State of Miranda in the 1989 elections.

- Member of the Party's Internal National Election Council for the 1991 internal reform.

Ms. Nina K. Kovalska (Ukraine)

Original: English

She is Counsellor in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, a post she has held since April 1991.

Within the sphere of her responsibilities in the Ministry are questions relating to the status of women in Ukraine and international cooperation in that regard.

Joining her country's Foreign Service in 1970 as Attachè, Mrs. Kovalska was appointed Third Secretary in the Ministry in April 1973 and subsequently, worked as Second Secretary from September 1973 until April 1983, as First Secretary - from 1983 until April 1991.

As a member of her country's delegation, Mrs. Kovalska has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and in the United Nations world conferences on women. She chaired the Commemorative Seminar on the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, held at Kiev in September 1990 and in March 1991 she was Chairperson of the 35th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

As representative of the Government to the UN Commission on the Status of Women Mrs. Kovalska closely cooperates with the Supreme Soviet Women's Commission taking part in its hearings and drafting documents on women's issues.

Being a member of the Presidium of the Union of Women of Ukraine (NGO) Mrs. Kovalska maintains constant contacts with non-governmental women's organizations. She contributes much to raising women's self-awareness and enriching their knowledge of international conventions and local laws on Women's rights.

In her lectures, articles and brochures she dwells upon the status of women in Ukraine, the government's policies aimed at ensuring equality between the sexes, and the activities of the United Nation bodies in this field.

Born in Khmelnitsk, Ukraine, on 6 July 1937, Mrs. Kovalska received a diploma in Journalism from Kiev State University in 1960. She speaks fluent English and French.

Ms. Marilena Uliescu (Romania)

Original: English/French

Date and place of birth:	19 May 1939, Bucharest, Romania
Nationality:	Romanian
Address:	Romania 77429 Bucharest, Aleea Parva No. 9, Bloc D-18, Apartament 37

University Titles:

- Graduate of Law Faculty, University of Bucharest
- Doctorship in Law, Academy of Sciences, Bucharest, 1984
- Diploma of High Studies in Comparative Law - Strassbourg, 1974
- Romanian Academy Prize "Simion Barnutiu" 1979

Occupation:

- Director of Research, Institute of Juridical Researches of the Romanian Academy. Associate Professor, College for Social Welfare, University of Bucharest (Teaching Family Law)

Other special courses:

- The three cycle of "La Faculté internationale pour l'enseignement du Droit comparé" Strassbourg, France
- The Courses of Comparative Law of Environment France
- The Courses of the International Institute of Human Rights Strassbourg, France
- Member of the Society of Comparative Legislation Paris, France

Specialization:

- Agrarian Law, Law of the Environment, Human Rights

Publications:

- Compacts, Monographies (6)
- Numerous Studies and Articles (circa 5o) in Romania and abroad (France, Germany, USSR, Bulgaria), numerous scientific communications in Romania and abroad
- Report "Democratic changes in the Romanian Society: The Role of Women" at the International Symposium "Women and Democracy in the Central and Eastern European Countries" (Prague, 3-6 December 1991)

Esther Velis Diaz de Villalvilla (Cuba)

Original: Spanish

General information

Date of Birth: 1944

Place of birth: Cienfuegos, Cuba

Degree in Social Sciences

Positions currently held

- Member of the National Committee of the Federation of Cuban Women (FMC), Member of the Nations Secretariat with Responsibility for Foreign Relations.
- Representative of Cuba on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.
- Member of the Committee of Experts for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- Member of the Council of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF).

National experience

- As a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Cuban Women, played an active role over a period of 25 years in the formulation of the strategy and plans that make up the national policy of promoting the integration of women in the development process under conditions of equality.

- Attended the First Congress of the Federation of Cuban Women and participated as a delegate elect in the second, third and fourth congresses of that organization (at the Federation's first congress, held in November 1974, was elected member of FMC's National Secretariat, with subsequent re-election at all the congresses held thereafter).

- Took part in the Council of National Experts charged with drafting the theses for the FMC congresses.

- Has given lecturers and conducted seminars and classes for national and foreign students as part of various training courses for women managers at the Federation's "Fé del Valle" National School for Executive Personnel and at the WIDF Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Is the author of numerous publications, articles and studies on the participation of Cuban women in the country's economic, political and social development process since the Revolution, and also on the status of women in Latin America and on the different forms of political and social participation by women in our region.

- Has lectured on the above-mentioned subjects at numerous events at national and international meetings.

- Has participated in a number of studies and on the status of women in Cuba, and has acted as an adviser in other studies concerning women's issues.

International experience

Has participated in a number of international events, including:

1964 Second Latin American Youth Congress, Chile.

1968 Congress of the Association of Women University Graduates of Ecuador.

1969 Conference against the Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb, Japan.

1972 Continental Meeting of Women, Chile.

1973 Seminar on Family Planning organized by the United Nations, Dominican Republic.

1975	Regional Seminar for Latin America on the Integration of Women in Development, with special reference to demographic factors, Caracas (recruited as a United Nations expert).
1975	World Conference of the United Nations: Equality, Development and Peace, Mexico City.
1975	Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned States, Lima.
1975	World Congress of Women, Berlin.
1976	Seminar on the Participation of Women in Economic, Social and Political Development: Obstacles to their Integration, Argentina (recruited as a United Nations expert).
1977	Planning for Women in the Rural Development of Latin America, Dominican Republic.
1978	Meeting of the Bureau of the ECLA Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development, Quito (presiding officer).
1978	First Congress of North American Women, Texas, United States of America.
1979	Second ECLA Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development, Venezuela.
1979	Conference for a Future of Peace and Security for All Children of the World, Moscow.
1980	World Conference for the United Nations Decade for Women, Copenhagen.
1978 to 1980	Participated in all the meetings of the Preparatory Committee as the representative of Cuba, New York.
1980	World Congress of Women, Prague.
1971 to 1987	Annual Meetings of Bureau and Council of the Women's International Democratic Federation.
1973 to 1987	Annual Meeting of Women Managers of the Socialist Camp.
1982 to 1987	Annual Meetings of the Committee of Experts for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
1984	International Conference of Solidarity with Nicaragua, Portugal (May).
1985	World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, Kenya (July).
1986	World Conference for Peace, Copenhagen.

1987 World Congress of Women, Moscow (June).

Participated as a member of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee in the following events:

1977 Regional Conference for the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, Havana.

1981 Chairman of the Meeting of Experts of the Non-Aligned Countries and Other Developing Countries on the Integration of Women in Development, Havana.

1982 Continental Meeting "Women and the Struggle for Peace, against Imperialism and for National Liberation", Managua.

1984 Latin American Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women and the Forum of Non-Governmental Organizations, Havana.

1985 Meeting on the Status of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean Today, Havana.